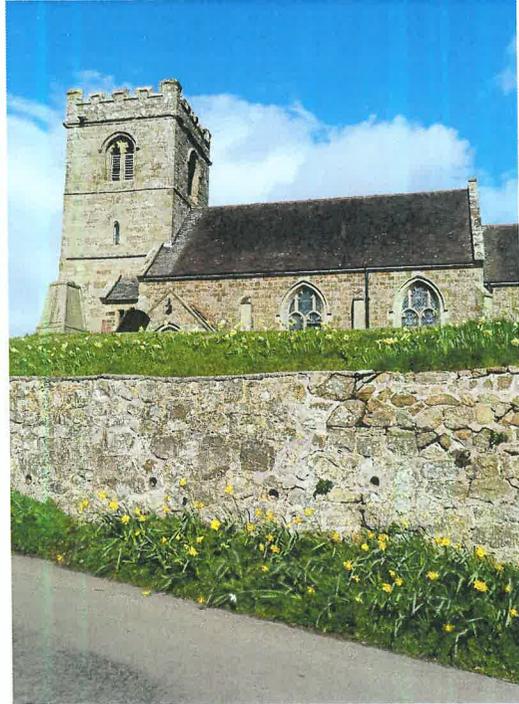


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## Cressage, Harley and Sheinton Parish Council



The next meeting of Cressage, Harley and Sheinton Parish Council will be on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March at Harley Village Hall at 7pm.

This month's meeting was held in Harley Village Hall on 10<sup>th</sup> February. Parish Councillors discussed plans to maintain the village gateway areas, place benches in the recreation area, and ensure the defibrillator at Cressage Village Hall is kept maintained. The poor state of repair of roads and road signs were noted, including the large number of potholes and the illuminated 30mph signs at Cressage being broken. These matters will be followed up with Shropshire Council.

There is always a public forum in the Parish Council meetings for residents to raise issues of concern and the public are welcome to attend. At this meeting, residents reported that there had been two drug related incidents in Cressage, involving property damage. A previous meeting raised concerns about speeding in Harley. A meeting with Shropshire Highways is being arranged to look at how the issued can be addressed in the future.

Cllr Chris Naylor, Shropshire Councillor for Burnell, came along to the latest meeting to discuss a pilot project in Church Preen enabling residents to take action on practical concerns such as drainage and hedges, that would otherwise be under the control of Shropshire Council. Discussions are ongoing with Street Scene and Shropshire Highways. There are a lot of issues to consider, including insurance, equipment, and monitoring. There will be updates on this in the future.

Development in the area is still a matter of concern to residents. Shropshire Cllr Susan Coleman advised the Parish Council that there is no date yet for the plans for the Glebelands and Raby Estates to be looked at in Committee.

The Parish Council has a social media page on Facebook:  
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All ratified minutes can be accessed on the Parish Council's website. <https://www.cressageharleysheinton-pc.gov.uk/>

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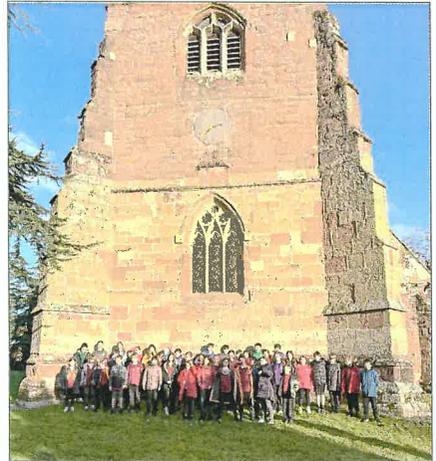


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Following the closure of our local church in Cressage, we have been unable to continue our regular church visits with the children. Our whole school was therefore delighted to have the opportunity to visit nearby Cound Church as part of our ongoing learning in both R.E. and History. We were warmly welcomed by Reverend Sam Rigby, who had prepared a wonderful 'Church Treasure Hunt' for the older children, challenging them to count the number of crosses in the building, find the bell tower, and



interpret the beautiful stained-glass windows. Families were then invited to come together for a special time of worship inside the church. The visit enabled the children to deepen their understanding of our local Christian heritage while exploring a place of worship that has been central to the community for centuries. Christ Church CE Primary School now plans to visit Cound Church each term to take part in services with Reverend Sam Rigby. We would like to extend our sincere thanks to everyone who helped make our whole-school visit to Cound Church such a memorable experience for us all.



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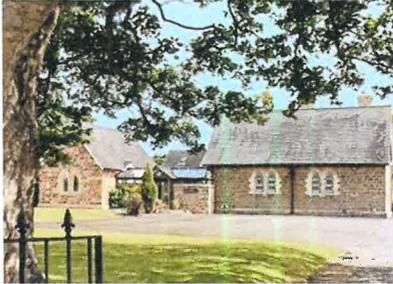
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We are always looking for new members to join our Village Hall committee, if you are interested please contact our Chairman Bob Carter 01694 731310

A huge thank you to Jon and Mike for giving their time to litter pick in Cressage earlier this week.

It's this kind of community spirit and generosity that really makes a difference — especially at a time when Shropshire Council is facing significant financial pressures.

Your efforts don't go unnoticed. On behalf of everyone in the community, thank you both for stepping up and setting such a positive example.

From the Parish Council and all the village!



## MUCH WENLOCK MALE VOICE CHOIR

Our first concert of the year will take place at the end of the month, but with a change of venue. Rather than using Idsall School as first planned, our joint four choirs' concert has been moved to Wrekin College which has better facilities for the number of singers and audience expected to be involved.

This is the **Harmony4Hope** event on **Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm** when we will join forces with Hadley, Newport and Shifnal Male Voice Choirs in an event to support Hope House Children's Hospice. With only 16-17% of their funding coming from government, we can see how vital events such as ours are to support that aim.

The choirs will join to sing several pieces, most notably Another Day which was composed specifically for Hope House with the themes of support, sanctuary and hope, with lyrics to match. The song has since been performed by many choirs and recorded for the charity by the world-renowned singer Bryn Terfel. We very much look forward to this unique event and hope that some of you will be able to join us too.

Tickets for the concert are available from choir members or from Penny Farthing in the Square in Much Wenlock.

Dick Langford      Phone                      01952 728758

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## **Carer Connect, Much Wenlock 'Memory Café' at Wenlock Pottery – Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February**

It was the first Carer Connect session of 2026 this week and we enjoyed an afternoon with Shelagh and Mike at Wenlock Pottery.

On what was a very wet and windy Tuesday afternoon, we were greeted by a warm open fire and afternoon tea was served in some of Mike's finest handthrown stoneware.

The theme was a simple 'Memory Café' – we explored memory bags from the Library and people brought their own photographs and books to share. Mike took us through the history of Wenlock

Pottery, going back to a time when electrical appliances were sold without plugs... then coming back to the present day and how they have now diversified with accommodation, courses & entertainment.



Our session was supported by Julie Rose from the Alzheimers Society and as ever, our team of wonderful volunteers and The Friendly Bus who help some members get to us.

Carer Connect is a friendly, supportive group for unpaid carers and the people they care for. It's a chance to relax, meet others and connect with local support services and the community. Throughout the year we'll be enjoying live music and singing, gentle seated exercise, line dancing and movement sessions, performances from local community groups, a Summer away day and will finish the year with a festive finale in December.

We meet at Priory Hall in Much Wenlock on the first Tuesday of the month from 2pm until 4pm.

A full programme of dates and activities is available.

If you would like more information about the Carer Connect sessions, please contact me on 01746 551137 or email me at [joanne.weaver-jackson@nhs.net](mailto:joanne.weaver-jackson@nhs.net).



# WINE TASTING

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2026 at 6.30pm

Cound Guildhall, SY5 6EW

**£25 per ticket**

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**Book via the; QR Code [ Please put you phone number in the "notes" section in case we need to contact you ]**

**Email ~ Cound Guildhall Website**

**Link: ~ [Guildhall Wine tasting 2025](#)**

**Further details are available from Blair Nimmo on 07485484863**



# FLICKS IN THE STICKS



Friday 20th March  
At 7.30 pm

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Please let us know of any allergies or intolerances when booking a meal.



We always welcome new members and visitors to our meetings which are in Cressage Village Hall starting at 7.30pm.

Next meeting on Thursday 19th March.

If you would like any further information please do not hesitate to contact me

Sally Lucas-Garner on 07506 351032



### **VILLAGE HALLS WEEK 16-22 MARCH**

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**Cound Guildhall will be open on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March**

**9.30am to 5pm**

**There will be displays showcasing the variety of events that we hold.**

**Everyone is welcome!**

**The deadline for Cound & Cressage Oil Orders will be 12 Noon on Monday of the following dates in 2025:**

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9th March, 13th April, 11th May, 8th June.

13th July, 10th Aug, 7th Sept, 12th Oct, 9th Nov, 30th Nov.

## **CRESSAGE and DISTRICT WI**



Nineteen members met, for the first time in 2026, on February 12<sup>th</sup>. Our January meeting was cancelled due to forecast snow so it was good to see so many members coming out for the evening despite the rain. Josephine chaired the meeting as Celia was enjoying blue skies and sunshine in Spain.

Business was soon dealt with. Sue is organizing another of our popular Craft Dabble Days on March 14<sup>th</sup>, so members were invited to sign up. Cressage will be hosting the Shrewsbury East Group meeting on April 29<sup>th</sup>, with a Roman theme. Ideas for our 2026 Charity were taken and a decision will be made for next month.

Guest speaker was Shaun Higgins looking very smart in uniform from WW1 giving a presentation called 'Strange Meetings', the words of Wilfred Owen. Shaun was in role for an hour giving a very moving, and believable enactment of the horrors endured by the Poet who was so determined to do his duty as a serving soldier. Sadly Wilfred died one week to the day before the war ended. Marg spoke for us all when she thanked Shaun.

We ended our meeting with refreshments served by Veronica and Julia, then the competition for a bowl of Spring Bulbs won by Amanda, and the raffle.

Next month on March 12<sup>th</sup> Kim Russell, one of our own members, will be demonstrating Felting, and inviting everyone to have a go. Visitors are always welcome at any of our meetings.

Details from Ruth 510 546



St. Peters Church, Cound.

### **BORDERLANDS RURAL CHAPLAINCY**

All are welcome to join us on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March at 10.30am as we honour St David and keep Plough Sunday that had to be postponed due to snow in January.

We shall hear from local farmers as to the challenge they face as we head towards Spring and have an update on the work of Shropshire Rural Support, The Borderlands Chaplaincy and The Butty Van.

### **COUND COMMUNITY GROUP**

Hope you have all had a good Christmas, We resume normal service in February.

Herewith the new Coffee and Chat dates for the next month.

COFFEE AND CHAT at Cound Guildhall

Our dates for February into March 2026 are:

Thursday 5th March at 10.30 am

Tuesday 17th March at 10.30am

Thursday 26th March at 10.30am

All welcome. Transport can be arranged for those who need it. We look forward to seeing you.

Sue and Tim Wright [01743 761461](tel:01743761461)

Linda Clutterbuck [01743 761435](tel:01743761435)

Tim Roberts [01743 761257](tel:01743761257)

**The Wenlock Team of Parishes:**

**Team Rector:** Rev. Preb. Matthew Stafford, The Rectory, Much Wenlock TF13 6EQ 01952 727396

**Assistant Curate:** Rev Sam W Rigby, 3 Park Rd. Much Wenlock, TF13 6JH. )7437 523274  
RevdSamRigby@gmail.com

**Services for March 2026 for Cressage, Harley, Sheinton and Cound.**

**Sunday 1st                      St. Davids Day - 2nd Sunday in Lent**

**Cound                      10.30am                      Plough Service                      Paul Trenberth & team**

Whole team to Cound

**Sunday 8th                      3rd Sunday in Lent**

Harley                      9.30am                      Eucharist                      Rev Lisa Harper

Whole team to Harley.

**Sunday 15th                      4th Sunday in Lent. - Mothering Sunday.**

Cound                      11.00am                      Mothering Sunday                      Rev. Sheila Cox

Harley                      9.30 am                      Mothering Sunday                      Paul Trenberth

To Cound or Harley

**Sunday 22nd                      5th Sunday in Lent.**

Sheinton                      11.00am                      Eucharist                      Fr. Charles Lawrence

Harley                      4.30pm                      Evening Prays                      Rev.Preb Matthew Stafford

Cressage, Cound to Sheinton or Harley.

**Sunday 29th                      Palm Sunday.**

Much Wenlock                      10.30am                      Palm Sunday                      Rev.Preb Matthew Stafford

Whole team to Much Wenlock

**Roman Catholic Services:** for details of services ring 01746 762348 St John the Evangelist Bridgnorth

**Methodist Church Services:** The church is located in King Street, Much Wenlock,

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